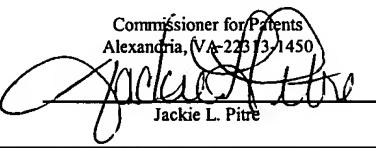




PATENT  
5659-21200/TH2561

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/693,700 §  
Confirmation No.: 2263 § Examiner: unknown  
Filing Date: October 24, 2003 § Art Unit: 3672  
Inventors: Vinegar et al. § Atty. Dkt. No.: 5659-21000  
Title: VARIABLE FREQUENCY §  
TEMPERATURE LIMITED §  
HEATERS §

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8	
DATE OF DEPOSIT: <u>10/5/04</u>	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date indicated above and is addressed to:	
Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	
 Jackie L. Pitre	

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Mail Stop Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

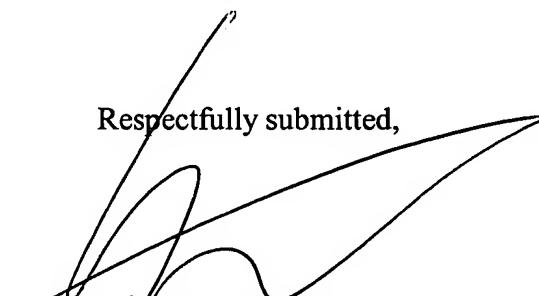
The Patent and Trademark Office mailed on August 5, 2004 the following documents: 1) Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application and 2) Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional).

The Declaration for the above-referenced application (a copy of which is included as Exhibit A) was received by the Patent and Trademark Office on May 27, 2004 as evidenced by the return postcard (a copy of the postcard is enclosed as Exhibit B).

The Declaration includes all of the inventors of the application. The filing receipt that lists James Louis Menotti is incorrect. A Request For Corrected Filing Receipt has been filed with the Patent and Trademark Office (a copy of which is enclosed as Exhibit C).

A complete declaration and the correct fee were filed for the application. Applicant believes that the Notice of Incomplete Reply has been sent in error. Applicant believes that all requirements for filing an application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been met. Applicant requests rescission of the Notice of Incomplete Reply.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in association with the filing of this document and accompanying exhibits. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate amount of time. If any fees are required, please charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5659-21000/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Eric B. Meyertons  
Reg. No. 34,876

Attorney for Applicant

MEYERTONS, HOOD, KIVLIN, KOWERT & GOETZEL, P.C.  
P.O. BOX 398  
AUSTIN, TX 78767-0398  
(512) 853-8800 (voice)  
(512) 853-8801 (facsimile)

Date: 10/5/01



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTORS: Vinegar et al.  
ASSIGNEE: Shell Oil Company  
SERIAL NO.: 10/693,700  
FILING DATE: October 24, 2003  
TITLE: VARIABLE FREQUENCY TEMPERATURE LIMITED  
HEATERS  
ATTY. DOCKET: 5659-21000/EBM

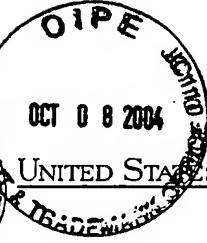


The date stamp of the mail room of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office hereon will acknowledge receipt of the attached: (1) Submission of Missing Parts For Patent Application (2 pages); (2) Form PTO-1595 Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page); (3) Originally executed Assignment (2 pages); (4) Originally executed Declaration (3 pages); (5) Preliminary Amendment (11 pages); (6) Fee Authorization in the amount of \$1,534.00 for fees (2 pages); and (7) A return postcard.

EBM:jlp

Via First Class Mail

Date: May 24, 2004



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 United States Patent and Trademark Office  
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

1FW

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/693,700	10/24/2003	Chester Ledlie Sandberg	5659-21000

**CONFIRMATION NO. 2263**

**FORMALITIES LETTER**



\*OC000000013456365\*

Date Mailed: 08/05/2004

**NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)**

*Filing Date Granted*

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 05/27/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 08/05/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
*James Louis Menotti*

**Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:**

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

- A new oath or declaration, identifying this application number is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 in that it:
  - does not identify the residence (e.g., city and either state or foreign country) of each inventor.
  - does not identify the complete mailing or post office address of each inventor.
  - does not identify the citizenship of each inventor.

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

*TSegevch*  
*Customer Service Center*  
*Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202*  
*PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE*